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4 Manchester homes recognized for historic maintenance and renovation

The Cheney Brothers National Historic Landmark District Commission recently recognized four houses and their owners for conducting maintenance and renovation "in a manner that preserves historic values and character." The commission has presented these awards since 2001. Pictured are:

1. A cottage, c.1878, at 92 Hackmatack St., owned by James and Jennifer Salafia, who bought the house seven years ago from his parents. They worked with JSM Remodeling to bring the house to its improved status. The Manchester Historic & Architectural Survey describes the house as "a vernacular frame cottage with a gambrel roof, brick foundation, central gambrel dormer, wide hip-roofed entry porch ... clapboards ... and small one-story hip-roofed extensions on the left and right."

2. A Greek Revival house, c. 1850, at 180 Main St., owned by Shirley Tully, whose late husband, Joe Tully, collected local antiques and stored them at this house. The Manchester Historic & Architectural Survey calls this "an attractive and nicely detailed Greek Revival Cottage with a gable roof, brownstone slab foundation ... recessed offset entry, with pilaster-and-lintel surround ... pedimented gable dormers."

3. An Italian Revival house, c. 1850-1880, at 655 North Main St., in the Buckland area, owned by James and Sandra Minneo, who bought it after it had been vacant for two or three years. Their real estate agent told them, "You do not want to buy that house." It was going to be a lot of work. James, transferred by the U.S. Air Force to Manchester, expected to be in town for four years, but it turned out to be 20.

4. A Victorian-style house, circa 1901, at 36 Ridge St., owned by Fernando Morales, who bought it in 2019. The house has a cross-gabled roof, columned front porch, and bay windows. The wooden exterior is painted a soft green with cream trim, with both scalloped and plain shingles and clapboards.

5. From left, James and Sandra Minneo receive the award for their house at 655 North Main St. from Manchester Mayor Jay Moran and Starr McLean, chair of the commission's award committee.

6. From left, Jennifer and James Salafia receive their award for their house at 92 Hackmatack St. from Moran and McLean.

